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**Sent:** 5/17/2021 4:46:09 PM  
**To:** Williamson, Tracy [Williamson.Tracy@epa.gov]; Le, Madison [Le.Madison@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Due Monday, 10am: FW: FOR ACTION MONDAY MORNING: QFR Outstanding Issues - OECD PFAS language from Tristan.

OMG. Yes, let's get you a new computer!

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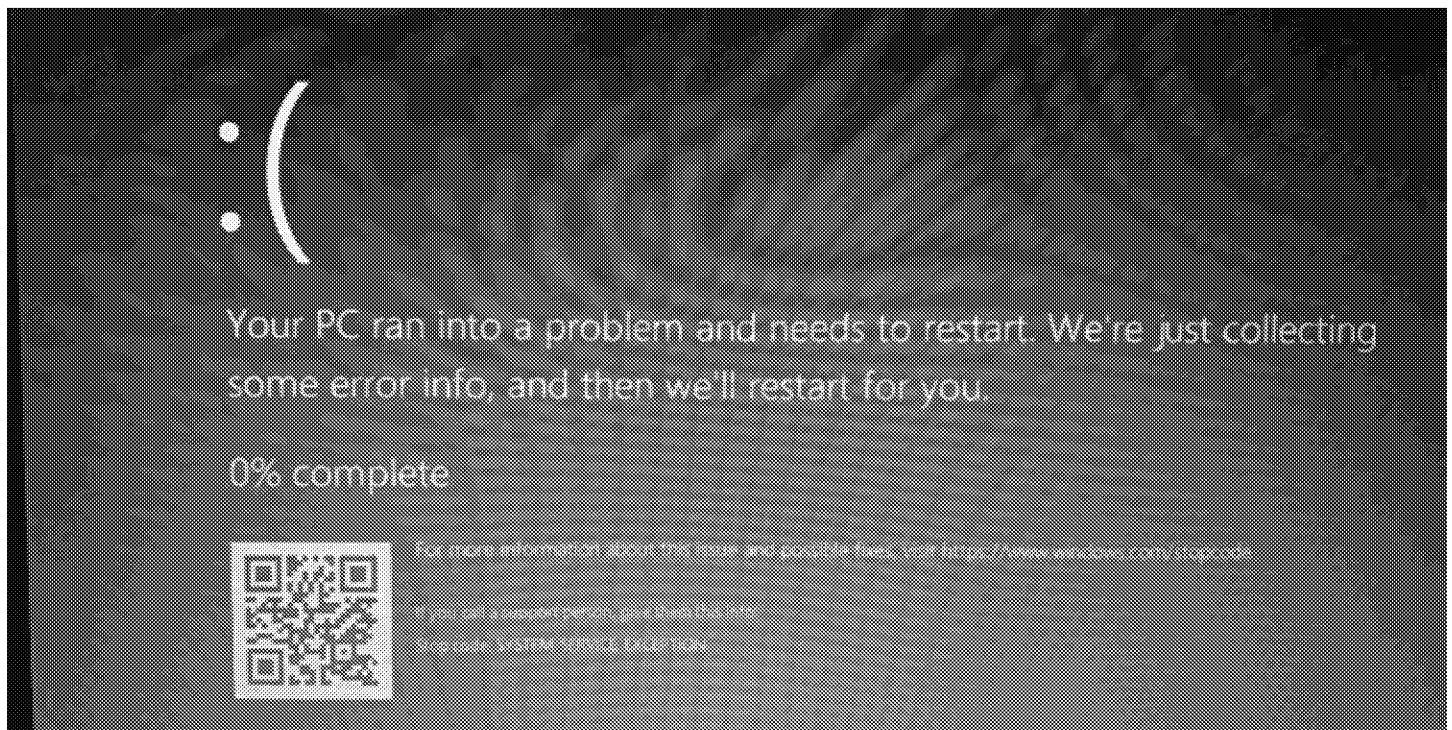
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The text looks fine.

Apologies, this is how my day started (I start at 9:00) and I just now got my computer to finish booting properly. I'm going to put myself on the refresh list because this is getting to be a regular thing.



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Madison, I spoke to Tristan and the highlighted language below is what he has prepared in response to Tala's comment. I am waiting to hear from Tracy (she starts work at 9:30), and I think this looks good.

Cathy

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Good Morning Tracy,

I talked with Cathy Fehrenbacher (cc'd on this email) about Madison's most recent request. We were thinking of using the few sentences below. Please let me or Cathy know if you think revisions are needed. Thanks!

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Tristan,

Can you draft a few sentences at a high level to summarize this OECD effort? We need that to add to the response to question #15. If Tracy is working today, please connect with her on the response. Thanks.

Madison H. Le

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**From:** Butler, Tristan <Butler.Tristan@epa.gov>  
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Good Morning Madison,

I have included the OECD PFAS definition below. It was taken from the 2020\_PFAS terminology document attached to this email. Please let me know if you would like any clarifications or if there is anything else I can do to help. Thanks.

Tristan

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**Importance:** High

Tracy and Tristan – can you help with response for Ranking Member Capito #19 copied below? This is due by 10am today (sooner, if possible). Thanks!

15. What is a simple chemical description that is common to and describes all PFAS compounds?

**EPA Response:** President Biden highlighted the importance of and his commitment to tackling PFAS pollution and protecting public health and the environment. If confirmed, I am committed to addressing PFAS as a top priority for EPA.

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RMB – please get the numbers for #9 and 14 copied below by 10am, today (sooner if possible). I've attached the full document for your reference only. Tala, Ryan and I worked on the NC related questions for Ranking Member Capito #9-14 and Senator Kramer #2 over the weekend. These have already been cleared and sent to OCSP IO.

9. TSCA provides EPA 90 days to review new chemicals, or with good cause for extension, 180 days. How many submissions does EPA currently have that were submitted greater than 90 days ago? 180 days?

**EPA Response:** EPA's New Chemicals program helps manage the potential risk to human health and the environment from chemicals new to the marketplace. **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

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14. To prevent the government from slowing innovation, the previous Administration focused on reducing the backlog of new chemical applications, successfully reducing the new chemical backlog from over 450 cases to 183 cases by January 2021.

- What is the number of cases in the backlog today? Do you expect the backlog to increase given EPA's recently announced policy changes to new chemical reviews?
- How will you prevent increasing the backlog?

**EPA Response:** EPA's New Chemicals program helps manage the potential risk to human health and the environment from chemicals new to the marketplace. **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

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**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)** EPA is transparent about the status of new chemical reviews by providing monthly updates regarding the status of new chemical reviews on its website: <https://www.epa.gov/reviewing-new-chemicals-under-toxic-substances-control-act-tsca/statistics-new-chemicals-review>

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